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3. The Ukrainian natural roads are characterized by very poor travel conditions. During spring and fall the natural roads are impassable and offer a very serious obstacle to the development of local transportation, especially in the rural regions. Winter snows hinder all transportation, both on highways and on natural roads, since there is very little snow removal equipment. The dust clouds thrown up by automobiles traveling on the natural roads in the summer are a constant nuisance. In 1931 the "Bolsnaya Soviet Encyclopedia" asserted that the road network was the "weakest point" of the Soviet economic system.

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